



Whereas, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our community; and

Whereas, there are close to 250 children and youth in out of home care in our community; and

Whereas, every child in foster care deserves the security and opportunity for growth that a stable home environment can provide; and

Whereas, a child's success is best supported in a system that is family-focused, child-centered, and community-based; and

Whereas, there are numerous individuals and public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in foster care as well as the need for foster parents; and

Whereas, foster parents provide Green Bay and Brown County children with the opportunity to be part of a caring family and help them reconnect with their families through reunification or alternative permanent placement; and

Whereas, through the partnerships among foster parents, child welfare staff, and public and private child-serving organizations, efforts are made to ensure that children are safe and their voices are heard as we work for the success of every child;

Now, Therefore, I, Jim Schmitt, Mayor of the City of Green Bay, I, Troy J. Streckenbach, Brown County Executive, and I, Mark Murphy, President and CEO for the Green Bay Packers, do hereby proclaim May as

## **Foster Care Month**

in the City of Green Bay and Brown County and call upon all citizens to observe this month by taking time to help youth in foster care and recognizing the commitment of all who touch their lives.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016

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**Troy J. Streckenbach**  
Brown County Executive

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**James Schmitt**  
Mayor, City of Green bay

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**Mark Murphy**  
CEO and President, Green Bay Packers